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SUBJ: ALLEGED SOVIET MACHINATIONS IN ETHIOPIA

1. IN UNATTRIBUTED ARTICLE APRIL 19, "POLITICAL EDITOR"
OF AKHBAR ANNOUNCES THAT SECRET SOVIET ENVOY ARRIVED IN
ADDIS "TWO DAYS AGO" TO CONVINCE MENGISTU TO BREAK RELATIONS
WITH EGYPT AND SUDAN. "NEW SOVIET POLITICAL MANEUVER AGAINST
EGYPT", IN WHICH "CRAZY MAN OF LIBYA" ALSO INVOLVED, TO
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EGYPTIAN DIP MISSION TO ETHIOPIA TO THREE MEN. SOVIET ENVOY
ALLEGEDLY INFORMED MENGISTU THAT QADHAFI, WHO IN COMPLETE
ACCORD WITH MOSCOW IN THIS REGARD, WILLING TO PROVIDE ETHIOPIA
WITH HUGE SUMS OF MONEY, UP TO \$1 BILLION, SHOULD EPMG MOVE TO
BREAK RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND SUDAN.

2. MEANWHILE, AHRAM CARRIES AFP REPORT FROM ABU DHABI

INDICATING THAT SALEH OSMAN SABBE, "CHIEF OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FRONT OF ERITREAN REVOLUTUION", STIRRING UP GULF STATES WITH REPORTS THAT "TWIN DEVILS", ISRAEL AND "COMMUNIST STATES", NOT ONLY ATTACKING ERITREAN REVOLUTION, BUT SOMALIA AND SUDAN. GUMHURIYYA, AS ADDITION TO SABBE REMARKS, NOTES THAT ELF FORCES IN ERITREA SHOT DOWN THREE ETHIOPIAN PLANES RECENTLY.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETEREMINE WHETHER LURID AKHBAR ACCOUNT OFFICIAL INSPIRED, LOW KEY GUMHURIYYA MERELY NOTES THAT PMAC DEBATED PREVIOUS DAY POSSIBILITY OF SEVERING RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND SUDAN. AKHBAR HAS, OF LATE, WORKED ITSELF INTO LATHER OVER SOVIET-LIBYAN MACHINATIONS IN AFRICA AND DEPICTION OF LONG SOVIET HAND IN PMAC DEBATES IN LINE WITH RECENT AKHBAR COMMENTARY ON SOVIET SPECTRE OVER AFRICA. TREATMENT OF SABBE STATEMENTS AND ELF EXPLOITS ON FRONT PAGES OF LOCAL DAILIES REFLECTS GROWING EGYPTIAN CONCERN WITH EVENTS IN HORN.
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